Various State Governments have also taken steps, *viz.* establishment of Special Cells to deal with crime against women, setting up of Women Police Stations and Women's Cells in Police Stations, appointment of Women Police Officers, gender sensitization of Police personnel, etc. In addition, some State Governments are in the process of setting up Women Courts for exclusive trial of cases involving women.

Fast Track Courts in Karnataka

404. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Fast Track Courts, so far, set up in the country;

(b) the number of such courts earmarked for Karnataka;

(c) the number of such courts, so far, set up in Bangalore and other parts of Karnataka;

(d) the amount of grant released to Karnataka for this purpose;

(e) the number of civil cases disposed of by these courts in Karnataka; and

(f) the places where these courts are proposed to be set up in Karnataka during 2002-2003?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) As per available information, 1015 Fast Track Courts have been set up in the country as on 31st January, 2002.

(b) 93 Fast Track Courts have been earmarked for Karnataka.

(c) So far 13 Fast Track Courts have been set up in Karnataka, including three in Bangalore.

(d) A grant of Rs. 10.87 crore has already been released to the State of Karnataka by the Ministry of Finance for this purpose.

(e) Only sessions cases have been transferred to the Fast Track Courts in Karnataka and therefore, no civil case has been disposed of by any Fast Track Court in Karnataka.

(f) It is for the State Government, in consultation with the High Court to set up these courts. However, the Department of Justice is periodically taking

up with the State Government and High Court of Karnataka for setting up the required number of Fast Track Courts.

New subsidy scheme for Inland Water Transport Sector

405. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated new subsidy scheme for Inland Water Transport Sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to provide infrastructural facilities in three national waterways;

(d) if so, details thereof, and

(f) the fund allocated by IWAI in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) With an aim to reduce capital burden on prospective Inland Water Transport entrepreneur, thereby enhancing their profitability and making IWT tariff competitive, an Inland Vessel Building Subsidy Scheme has recently been approved by the Government. The scheme will come into effect from 1.4.2002 and remain in force for a period of 5 years. The Inland Vessel Building Subsidy Scheme would be applicable to both cargo & passenger inland vessels meant for operation on National Waterways. The subsidy will be available only for vessels acquired by an Indian inland water transport entrepreneur from a shipyard in India. The subsidy payable under this scheme would be equal to 30% of the ex-factory price of the inland vessel.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Three waterways namely the Ganga from Haldia to Allahabad, the Brahmaputra from Dhubri to Sadiya and West Coast Canal from Kottapuram to Kollam along with Udyogmandal and Champakkara canals have been declared as national waterways. Provision of infrastructure such as navigational channels, terminals at select locations and navigational aids form part of the development schemes for the national waterways.